concern. When India says, "We cannot accept a patent regime which will raise our prices five times or ten times because it will drive vast millions of our people who have some access to medical care today be-yond the pale of the medical system," the West must understand this.

Nevertheless, let me conclude by saying that it is in our interest that there is a world trade regime which is fair and non-discriminatory. It is in the interest of developing countries to have a set of rules and regulations for world trade. We have a greater stake in fair and non-discriminatory rules than the developed world and therefore, India will do its best to ensure that a set of rules are accepted in the world, that a multilateral trading organisation does come into existence as a successor to GATT. But we will do so only after defending and protecting the vital national concerns of India and the Indian people."

Export Obligation Applicable to 100 per cent Export Oriented Units

3381. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the minimum export-obligation applicable to 100 per cent export oriented units from time to time, since the inception of the relevant scheme;

(b) whether any such undertakings were exempted in the past from their originally stipulated export obligations or in which cases such obligations were reduced; and

(c) if so, what are the names of such undertakings and what are the reasons for such exemption or reduction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Units under the 100% EOU Scheme are obliged to export their total production except rejects upto 5% and domestic sales upto a maximum of 25% of the value of production. Sales in the domestic tariff area are also permitted against an import licence/open general licence.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Vacation of a Building by DPLI, Calcutta

3382. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had assured that the building No. 2, Ganesh Chandra Avenue, at Calcutta will be vacated by DPLI, Calcutta and handed over to the owners by the first week of December, 1991;

(b) if so, whether the said assurance has been implemented;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when the said building is likely to be vacated and handed over to its owners?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The Government vide reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1314 dated 11.9.91 said that it would vacate the building at No. 2B, Ganesh Chandra Avenue, Calcutta housing the office of the Director Postal Life Insurance as early as feasible.

(b) No, Sir. However, efforts are continuing.

(c) The alternate accommodation earmarked for shifting the O/O the Director, PLI, Calcutta is still under renovation and not yet ready for occupation.

(d) As soon as the renovation work is over the Government would vacate the premises at No. 2 B, Ganesh Chandra Avenue, Calcutta and hand over the same to its owners.

Shortage of Dak Materials at Almora and Ranikhet in U.P

3383. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of Dak materials in Almora District, particularly, at Basot, Taya, Chaunalia, Bhikiasain Bhataraujkhan and Ranikhet Post Offices in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and